

On The Other Islands

Adoption Of Adults

Is Held To Be Void

In a decision handed down in the case of Elna Cabral Souza and Belina Cabral Jace against the Sao Martinho Society, the supreme court rules that the adoption of adults is not authorized by statute in this Territory.

According to the papers in the case just decided, Manuel Caelano Baptista, since deceased, married the mother of the two plaintiffs when they were minors. Shortly before his death he was authorized by the first circuit court to adopt the children of his wife and did so. They were then 42 and 36 years old.

On the death of their step-father the plaintiffs claimed death benefits from the society, of which he had been a member. The society refused to pay such benefits, alleging that the circuit court had no authority to permit the adoption of adults. The contention of the society has now been sustained by the supreme court.

More Money To Be Asked

For Territorial Fair

In order that members of the territorial fair commission may not have to assume responsibility of financing the fair this year, Governor McCarthy will ask the legislature, when it convenes next month, to increase the appropriation made for this purpose, says the Advertiser. The law now provides for an appropriation of \$5,000, which may be increased by the profits made from the fair.

Discussing his plan of requesting an increased appropriation yesterday, the Governor said that last year it was necessary for several of the members of the commission to shoulder a financial burden of more than \$40,000. It so happened, he said, that weather conditions were good and the fair made a profit of \$50,000, which was added to the fund appropriated by the legislature. The fund to start work on this year's fair, therefore, is \$11,500. Had the fair not been the success it was, the Governor said, the men who accepted the financial responsibility and guaranteed the heavy expense would have been "out of pocket" the sums they advanced.

The Governor believes the \$11,500 on hand is not sufficient, as it was demonstrated last year a much larger sum is necessary and it is for this reason he will ask the legislature to increase the appropriation.

Auditorium And Monument

Proposed For Hawaii's Heroes

Plans for a memorial for Hawaii's soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice in the war are combining rapidly into one general idea which embraces both a memorial hall and a monument, and a committee headed by R. N. Burnham, the sculptor, has presented tentative drawings, combining these two objects, to Governor C. J. McCarthy, who states they meet with his approval.

These new plans agree with those advanced some time ago by the governor, who suggested that an auditorium be combined with a monument as a fitting tribute to those who laid down their lives in the defense of democracy. Local opinion has been more or less divided on the memorial proposition, some favoring an auditorium and others a monument.

Representative H. L. Holstein has indicated that he would introduce in the forthcoming legislature a bill appropriating \$50,000 to help defray the expense of erecting the memorial.

Wants To Know What

Japanese Schools Teach

Superintendent H. W. Kinney, of the department of public instruction has sent a letter to the various Japanese schools of the city, to the Japanese Educational Association and to the Honolulu Mission, asking for a translation into English of all the text books used in these schools. Mr. Kinney also requests information as to the number of teachers and pupils now attending the schools.

Judge J. T. De Bolt of the land court has found for the Hutchinson Plantation Co., a California corporation, in the matter of the claim of the territory to title to 850 acres of land in Kioleku, Kau, Hawaii. The plantation now occupies the land.

George Wells Resigns

From Royal Hawaiian

George Wells, of Honolulu, has severed his connection with the Royal Hawaiian Sales Co. For 10 years he has been associated with the corporation.

With Fred Macfarlane, Wells started the Royal Hawaiian garage. He was at that time backed by H. Hackfeld & Co., handling at first the Carter car and later the Alco, Marmon, Reo, Saxon and Moreland and Reo trucks. The Cole car was later added to the list.

When the company was reorganized early last year Mr. Wells was continued as assistant manager from which position he has just resigned.

Large Fees Paid

In the estate of Bathsheba M. Allen, masters' fees totaling \$5470 have been allowed by Circuit Judge Ashford as follows: Audit Company of Hawaii, \$750, \$900 and \$1000; H. Gooding Field and George Smithies, \$900; Harry A. Wilder, \$900. The estate is valued at approximately \$5,000,000.

Hawaii Gets In

The board of agriculture and forestry received a cable from Delegate Kalaniano'ole this morning stating that the house of representatives had adopted the amendment including the territory in the fund for the indemnification of persons whose cattle may be slaughtered on account of tuberculosis. In this original bill Congress again forgot that Hawaii was an integral part of the United States,

the measure referring only to the "states".

Kinney To Seek

Teachers On Mainland

Henry W. Kinney, superintendent of public instruction, is planning a tour of normal schools of California, Oregon and Washington early in April in an effort to secure teachers for Hawaii for the 1919-1920 school session. Due to the fact that the graduating classes of the normal school will be very much smaller this year, Mr. Kinney predicts that there will be even greater difficulty in obtaining teachers for the next year than there has been in the past.

Sues Star-Bulletin For

\$25,000 For Libel

Charles F. Finkbner, of Honolulu has sued the Honolulu Star-Bulletin for \$25,000 damages for alleged libel in connection with the publication of an article in that paper reflecting on Finkbner's patriotism. The complainant, who claims to be an American citizen of American ancestry, claims to have been injured by an article recounting the statements of James Wakefield, of the harbor board who believed that Finkbner had made derogatory remarks in connection with the disposal of war work funds being collected here.

To Oppose Paxson's Confirmation

The Honolulu Advertiser reports that a strong move is on foot to have the senate refuse to confirm Summer S. Paxson as president on the board of health for the reason that he is drawing a salary as a manager of an automobile concern and also on the grounds that he has shown incompetency in handling the recent influenza epidemic.

The territorial food commission has recommended to the Governor that an effort be made to have a fish hatchery provided for the islands to increase the supply of food fishes.

Thinks Cause Of Cane Disease

And Pineapple Wilt Has Been Found

G. W. Carpenter, pathologist of the Hawaii experiment station, believes he has discovered the nature and cause of the so-called Lahanu disease of cane and also of the pineapple wilt disease, both serious troubles in island industries.

He is still working on his discoveries, but in order to guard his discovery and assure his receiving due credit for it, he has made a full statement of the facts in a document which he has had scotched in an envelope by A. W. T. Bottomley, A. J. Campbell, and J. M. Westgate, to be held until he is ready to make the discovery public. Professional rivalry between various scientists in the islands is the cause for Mr. Carpenter's unusual action.

Boche helmets from the battle fields of Europe are to be given as prizes in connection with the next Liberty Loan, it is reported. Fifty thousand of the head-pieces are said to have been made available for the purpose. What Hawaii's quota of these is to be is not stated.

Honolulu Gets New City And

County Physician—Surprise

HONOLULU, Feb. 5.—Dr. A. K. Hanchett, who holds the rank of major in the military service and who is stationed at Schofield Barracks was appointed city and county physician and emergency hospital physician last night by the board of supervisors under the terms of the newly-enacted ordinance in which the offices of city and county physician and emergency hospital physician are merged, says the Advertiser.

Supervisor Ben Hollinger, stormy petrel of the board, apparently engineered the development which came as a complete surprise to Mayor Fern and several members of the board. It had been generally accepted at the preceding meeting when the ordinance was finally passed by the board that the post would go to Dr. R. G. Ayer, who had been holding the position of emergency hospital physician, and who had the support of Mayor Fern and several members of the board.

PHILIPPINES HAS RED

CROSS UNIT IN SIBERIA

VALIVOSTOK, Dec. 25.—(Associated Press)—A Red Cross unit from the Philippine Islands has arrived for service in Siberia. Some members of the unit will leave in the near future on the first relief train for the interior, to distribute winter garments to the needy along the Trans-Siberian railway and particularly to railway employees who have kept their posts under most trying circumstances, and in spite of the fact that their pay in some instances is three months in arrears.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., January 29—

The Kansas City American Association club probably will do its spring training at home this season. Last year the training was at Parson, Kansas. George Muehleback, president of the club, has arranged exhibition games with the Chicago Nationals to be played here April 19 and 20 and has tentatively arranged games with the Chicago Americans for April 12 and 13.

ST. PAUL, January 29.—(By Associated Press)

Preparations for the annual ten pin classic of the Northwest, the International Bowling Tournament, are under way and entry blanks have been mailed to every city within a reasonable distance. The tournament will be staged at the St. Paul Athletic club from February 11 to 16. Entries are expected from Chicago, Milwaukee, Omaha, Des Moines, Sioux City, Winipeg and Duluth.

U. S. May Purchase Lower California

Something About Interesting But Little Known Part Of Mexico—Is Rich In Minerals But Barren And Thinly Populated

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., January 31

—(Associated Press Correspondence)—Romantic Lower California again has come into prominence through the introduction in Congress of a bill looking to the purchase of that unique peninsula.

"Baja" California, rejected by the United States after the War with Mexico as "the tail-end of an earthquake", though recognized as rich in natural resources is least known, according to the few who have made a scientific study of the peninsula, of any area of similar size in the western hemisphere.

Lower California, romantically styled "The Mother of California", has figured in modern history for 400 years. It was in 1527 that the Spanish captain-general, Fernando Cortez, sent one of Bolboa's veterans, Alvaro de Saavedra from Tehuantepec, on the west coast of Mexico, with instructions to try to find a strait supposed at that time to form a link in a route from Mexico, or New Spain as it was then known, to the newly discovered Spice Islands, known to later generations as the Philippines.

From Cortez' time down to the present there have passed in review through the pages of Lower California's history Spanish conquerors, Jesuits, Dominicans and Franciscans, and plunderers from many lands; United States troops during the War with Mexico, filibusters intent on setting up an independent government, and lastly the contending factions for supremacy in Mexico's national administration since the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz as President.

It was Diaz who bestowed on Lower California, a title of "pobre Baja California", descriptive of her condition in recent years and which translated is "Poor Lower California".

Diaz's description fits the country just as well as to its topographical aspect, and in some other respects, for it is a jagged peninsula, 760 miles long varying in width from 30 to 150 miles, and traversed throughout its length by an irregular range of barren mountains of volcanic origin, breaking off abruptly on the gulf side and rambling off in a series of low hills to the Pacific Coast. It has been described by its most recent explorer as "A land great in its past and lean in its present. A land where the rattlesnake and the sidewinder, the tarantula and the scorpion multiply, and where sickness is unknown and five score years no uncommon span of life. A land of strange contradictions."

While a territorial state of Mexico, it nowhere touches other Mexican soil, being separated from the mainland by the waters of the Colorado river and the Gulf of California. In 1910 the population of the entire peninsula was given at 52,244. There is but one railroad in the country, aside from "wheezy" mine transways, and that one, from Mexicali to Yuma, but 63 miles in length. The "caminos" or roads, of the mission days have fallen into wretched state and in many places have been practically obliterated.

The peninsula is rich in mineral wealth, at least one of its silver mines in the southern district, having been operated since 1748. Gold, silver, copper, iron, coal, lead, gypsum and salt are found, valuable marble for building is everywhere abundant. Mining experts agree that the mineral resources have been scratched.

Cactus and mesquites have given place in valleys where irrigation has been possible to the cultivation of deciduous fruits, figs, dates, cereals, and vegetables. Rainfall is scanty and insufficient to support vegetation. Tobacco, cotton, grapes, sugar cane and native melons are grown. Horses, cattle and sheep in limited numbers are found in the most fertile valleys.

SMALL NATIONS TO HAVE 9 SEATS

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, (Wednesday)—The supreme council granted four additional seats in the society of nations commission to lesser countries, thus giving small powers 9 seats. The society's plan is for 10 seats for the 5 great powers.

NATIONS IN PEACE COMMISSION

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, February 6—When the commission on the society of nations meets tonight, representatives of China, Brazil, Belgium, Portugal, Serbia, Poland, Rumania, Greece, Czechoslovakia, and the five great powers will be in attendance. President Wilson expects to be present.

MONROE DOCTRINE AND LEAGUE NATIONS DON'T

CONFLICT

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, February 4—American delegates are reported to be satisfied that the projected society of nations will not conflict with the Monroe Doctrine.

POLE FACTIONS WARNED BY PEACE CONFERENCE

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, February 4—The peace conference has warned the Polish Czechs and nationalists who are disputing for control of the Teschen mining district in Austrian Silesia, that they must refrain from occupying the territories to which they lay claim, according to an official bulletin issued Monday night.

CHINA AND JAPAN FAIL IN LINE

PARIS, February 1—Chinese and Japanese claims to Tsing Tao be left to league of nations for adjustment.

AMERICAN SLANDER DUE TO PROPAGANDA

PARIS, February 4—General Harts said the wide-spread reports concerning American lawlessness is wholly unfounded. He created the impression that "Some anti-American propaganda is at work in Paris which some ascribe to German sources."

The pearl fisheries of La Paz, on the gulf side, have been worked since the first Spanish landed and have netted fortunes to those who have succeeded to the franchises covering the fisheries. Whale fishing has been carried on successfully for more than a hundred years off Magdalena Bay, on the Pacific side, which has furnished also a ground for target practice by the warships of the United States.

The Californias, Baja and Alta California, the latter the state north of the Mexican boundary, were christened from a Spanish romance popular in the time of Cortez, entitled "Sergas de Esplandian", in which the island of California was mentioned as situated "on the right hand of the Indies, very near terrestrial Paradise".

The first permanent settlement on the peninsula was founded at Loreto in 1697 by Jesuits, who afterwards established a settlement at La Paz. After the expulsion of the Jesuits the Franciscans were allowed to carry on their missionary work and later the Dominican monks were granted similar privileges.

Following are among the more important events of historical interest from the landing of the Spaniards down to the overthrow of President Porfirio Diaz in 1911:

1579—Coast visited by Sir Francis Drake.

1633-35—Five unsuccessful attempts made to establish settlements.

1697—Jesuits found Loreto mission.

Pious Fund, for the maintenance of missions, founded.

1751—First wine grapes planted by Jesuits.

1767—Jesuits expelled after having founded 25 missions, 14 of them successful.

1768—Franciscans permitted to engage in missionary work on peninsula.

1772—Dominican monks given same rights as Franciscans.

1802—Monthly mail route established over El Camino Real.

1822—Admiral Lord Cochrane plundered San Jose del Cabo, Loreto and Todos Santos.

1847—United States declared war against Mexico. Troops occupy Todos Santos, La Paz and other points.

1848—War ended with Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

1853—William Walker, of San Francisco, lead filibustering expedition into peninsula and captured La Paz.

Undertook to set up independent state including Sonora and Lower California. Walker was tried in San Francisco and acquitted after failure of expedition.

1855—Salto Domingo Mission last one given up by Franciscans after secularization act.

Penal colonies established at La Paz and on Carmen Island.

1859—President Buchanan sent envoy to President Juarez of Mexico to negotiate purchase of Lower California. Juarez refused to sanction sale.

1879—Marquez de Leon organized revolution which died out within a year.

1887—Lower California divided into two districts, with La Paz as the capital of the south and Ensenada as capital of the north.

Successive revolutions which have held Mexico in the throes since Porfirio Diaz resigned in May, 1911, have not greatly disturbed Lower California, except for the effect brought about by changing administrations.

Aside from filibustering raids charged to Americans, occurring at Tia Juana and Mexicali, whatever trouble has occurred has been of insignificant proportions. Selso Vega was jefe politico of the northern district under Diaz. Francisco Madero, when assumed the reins of Mexican government, appointed General Vasquez in Vega's place.

General Esteban Cantu, now military governor of the northern district, assumed charge of affairs after arriving at Mexicali, in 1911, and with his consent Villa appointed General Avilez in 1915, as jefe politico of the district. General Avilez and Cantu split over Avilez's efforts to popularize Villa's paper money, and Cantu assumed control of both the affairs of state and military matters of the district. The southern district is under the administration of General Urrano Angulo, an avenged Carranza adherent.

Y. M. C. A. Saw Boys Home From Army

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of discharged men to Hilo and to Kauai.

The Y. M. C. A. policy of "all the way with the soldier," had seen to it that the boys were carefully looked after not only in camp but until they reached their homes. Mr. Kilham stated, in illustration of this work, that on going aboard with the soldiers from Maui, last Monday evening, he had held a little conference with them in which he had pointed out the fact that they had made a good record and that the folks at home were proud of them, and he asked them to keep the good record up till they reached home. He reminded them that it was more than likely that there were gambling sharks on board, and that the boys should want to reach home with the money they had saved home with a fitting offering out of their good records. He reported that there was little if any gaming on the trip.

Co-ee For Boys

Before the Claudine started from Honolulu the Y. M. C. A. men saw to the distribution of hot coffee to the Maui soldiers, and again at midnight, at Lahaina, coffee was served. Again in the morning before the landing was made at Kahului coffee was dispensed by the "Y" men.

Work In The Army Posts

Much of the Y. M. C. A. efforts among the island troops while they were in camp was along educational lines. The lack of English among the men was one of the biggest handicaps to military instruction and the Y. M. C. A. took a prominent part in teaching "army English."

It has issued a first reader for non-English speaking plantation workers, and a course of instruction designed to make the Filipino, Japanese, and other foreign language soldiers in the service more intelligent in regard to their work when they should be discharged.

To Follow Up The Work

Mr. Kilham stated that it is the intention of his organization to soon send a man around the territory to address former soldiers and to help them in any adjustments that may be desirable in getting back into civilian life. There is also a move on foot to establish Y. M. C. A. work on each of the islands, particularly with view to extending the educational work begun in the army posts.

E. E. Soper's Brother Dies In Action In Italy

Word was received last Saturday by Edward E. Soper, section overseer for the Walluku Sugar Co., at Waihee, of the death of his youngest brother, Private William Henry Soper of the British Army who was killed in the last big drive of the Allied forces in northern Italy.

The deceased was wounded in France last spring and after some weeks in a hospital was sent to a convalescent camp in England. On his recovery he was ordered to join the British troops north of Salonica, where he was in thick of the fighting.

Before the outbreak of the war he resided in America but when England entered the field he returned to the old country and offered his services to the government. He was 36 years of age and single at the time of his death.

Besides Edward E. Soper, of Waihee, and Mrs. J. V. Fernandes of Honolulu, the dead hero is survived by three other sisters: Mrs. Albert Clayton, of Melbourne Court, Connecticut; and Margaret and Elizabeth Soper, who resides in England. George, Thomas and Harry, brothers, also make their home in the old country.

OPEN AIR SERVICE PLEASES CONGREGATION

At an out-of-doors service last Sunday morning, held on the large open lawn of the rectory of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the rector, Rev. J. Villiers, preached on: "The Church of the Open Air". He illustrated his sermon by reference to several bible incidents which emphasize that true worship is of the spirit, and that men who, in companies, small or great, under the broad, blue canopy of the skies, or in sacred places, have sincerely worshiped God, have found God as ready to bless in one place as in another.

A similar open air service will be held on the Church grounds next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock.

WOMEN ANNOY CHURCHILL

DUNDEE, Scotland, Dec. 25.—(Associated Press)—Winston Churchill, the British Minister of Munitions, was so heckled by the women before whom he spoke in his home town during his recent parliamentary campaign, that he finally retorted: "I am only a man, not an encyclopedia." His audience was composed exclusively of women and their heckling exceeded that of the average audience of men.

After Mr. Churchill had appealed to the women to stop quizzing him so sharply, they adopted a resolution supporting his candidacy.

BULL FIGHTS STILL TABU

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—(Associated Press)—Bull fighting remains under an official ban in the Federal district and territories under the control of the central government, an effort in the Chamber of Deputies to rescind the presidential decree prohibiting this sport having been defeated by one vote. The debate was enlivened by the pleas of Juan Silvestri a noted torero, who appeared in the chamber to argue in favor of resuming the custom.

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